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SUBJECT: UNESCO CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR
SCIENCEPOLICY IN THE EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN REGION,
(MINESPOL II), BELGRADE, SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1978

1. FOLLOWING IN ROUGH FORM ARE PROPOSED MAIN POINTS FOR
U.S. POSITIONS SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING UNESCO TO BE PRE-
SENTED AT MINESPOL II. CHAPTER NUMBERS REFER TO DOCUMENT
UNESCO/MINESPOL II/4, "POINTS FOR DISCUSSION." PERMDEL
REQUESTED TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS
FOR FORMAL DRAFT VERSION TO BE CIRCULATED FOR CLEARANCE.
COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY COB AUGUST 15, SLUGGED
ATTENTION R. RACKMALES, OES/APT/SA. FOR POSITIONS ON OTHER
AGENDA ITEMS NOW BEING PREPARED IN OTHER OFFICES, ANY INPUT
PERMDEL WISHES TO VOLUNTEER WILL OF COURSE BE WELCOME.

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2. UNESCO'S ROLE IN S&T COOPERATION IN THE REGION
(CHAPTER IX):

A. IF UNESCO SEEKS TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE TO PROMOTE
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THE FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE,
IT SHOULD GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO INTERCHANGE AMONG
THE COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION. WHERE THE PROSPECTS FOR

PIONEERING ACHIEVEMENTS IN S&T ARE GREATEST.

B. SINCE THE EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN BLOCS HAVE THEIR SEPARATE FORA, UNESCO'S SPECIAL FUNCTION IN EUROPE IS TO PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

C. MINESPOL II MAY WISH TO RECOMMEND TO THE UNESCO 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE THAT UNESCO UNDERTAKE SOME PROGRAMS ADDRESSING IMMEDIATE CONCERNS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE REGION, E.G., PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION.

3. UNESCO'S ROLE IN THE EVALUATION OF R&D (CHAPTER III, ITEMS 10-11):

A. SINCE THE EASTERN COUNTRIES AND THE WESTERN COUNTRIES EACH HAVE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR R&D, UNESCO'S SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION LIES IN METHODS FOR EVALUATION WHERE DIFFERING ECONOMIC SYSTEMS OR STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT ARE INVOLVED.

B. UNESCO CAN SET AN EXAMPLE BY STRENGTHENING EVALUATION OF ITS OWN S&T PROGRAMS, BY INSTITUTING A PROCEDURE OF PEER REVIEW OF PROJECT PROPOSALS, AND PERIODIC EVALUATION THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF A PROJECT.

4. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN ITEM MAY BE INTRODUCED
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REGARDING RELOCATION OF UNESCO EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE FOR S&T: WHAT ARE PERMDEL'S VIEWS ON THIS? END FYI."

5. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DEPT AND NSF PREPARATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION AT BELGRADE, REQUEST YOU CABLE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS WHICH YOU OBTAIN IN THE COURSE OF YOUR CONTACTS WITH UNESCO OFFICIALS AND OTHER COUNTRY DELEGATIONS. (FYI: DURING EXPERTS MEETING DR. NEUFELDT OF FRG PERMDEL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH U.S. PERMDEL AS CONFERENCE DATE APPROACHED. END FYI.) CHRISTOPHER

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